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Subject: Regarding Microsoft's Proposed Settlement of Private Cases

I am astounded to learn of Microsoft's proposal to donate computers and software to some of the poorest schools in the nation as settlement for the private anti-trust lawsuits it faces. The company claims that these gifts will service seven million children.

This settlement is precisely the type of activity which needs to be curtailed by government action. Microsoft will create seven million new customers while reaping good will. Why should a criminal be allowed to benefit from their punishment? This settlement is akin to arming convicted violent criminals in lieu of jail time.

If Microsoft is so insistent upon donating a tiny fraction of its \$30 billion cash reserve, why can't it donate only cash, or Apple computers, or something else from which it will derive no benefit?

Sincerely,
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